(c) and (d) The 11th Five Year Plan, approved by the National Development Council, includes the setting up of 30 new Central Universities, including 14 aiming at world class standards. Each State not having a Central University at present, including Orissa, has been included in the Plan for a Central University. Further, the State-wise list of cities identified for locating 14 Central Universities, aiming at world class standards, includes Bhubaneshwar.

Permission for educational institutes

3584. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the methods and authorities granting permission for educational institutions *i.e.* Colleges, Universities, Technical Educational Institutions, Teaching Colleges *i.e.* P.T.C. B. Ed., etc., coming under the jurisdiction of the Ministry; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is regional imbalance in our country with regard to Technical Institutions, as far as North, East and West parts, of the country are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), Colleges are established by the State Government, Trust, Registered Societies or Private Management; and no permission is required from the UGC for setting up a College. A University is established either by the Parliament or by the State legislature. Besides, under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government also declares, up on the advice of the UGC, an institution as 'deemed-to-be-university'. New Technical institutions, whether of the Government, Government Aided or Private (self financing) are established pursuant to the approval of the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in accordance with the AICTE Act, 1987. Further, Government, Government Aided or 'Private (self financing) institutions (operated by 'not for profit' society or trust) including universities and institutions 'deemed-to-be-universities' for teacher education programmes are required to obtain prior recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993.

(b) According to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) *(www.aicte.ernet.in)*, the number of technical institutions in the country, region-wise is as under:—

Region	Number of technical institutions
(a) Central	341
(b) Eastern	369
(c) Northern	383
(d) North-West	486
(e) Southern	1410
(f) South-West	721
(g) Western	571